

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2004
7:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present:

**Ray Stevens, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice-Chair
Bob Workman
Deb Schorr
Bernie Heier**

Others Present:

**Patricia Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Don Thomas, County Engineer**

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners convened and were called to order on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers regarding a public hearing on the One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program.

The Chair opened the public hearing and introduced the County Board and County Engineer Don Thomas.

Thomas welcomed everyone to the Fiscal 2005 One and Six-Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program public hearing. He highlighted completed improvements for Fiscal Year 2004 and gave a summary (Exhibit A) of the Fiscal Year 2005 program.

The Chair asked if anyone would like to present comments on the One and Six-Year Plan (Exhibit B). The following Lancaster County residents appeared to express appreciation and/or concerns for upcoming road and bridge improvement projects:

Sandy Smith, (18303 N. 162nd), representing the residents on 162nd Street from Hwy 6 to Ashland Road.

Don indicated they would try to get current traffic counts prior to grading. He indicated the counts in the book right now are from 2003.

Carmen Moser, (111 E. 7th Street, Hickman), expressed concerns regarding the reconstruction and widening of S.68th Street from Saltillo to Roca Road. She indicated that a hard surfaced road should have been provided for residents to use during this reconstruction. Thomas indicated that temporary pavement detour on 82nd was planned.

Weston Furrer, (4130 N. 21st Street), appeared regarding the inclusion of N.W. 70th and West Superior streets, and the pushing back of the project. Furrer also commented on the Housing Authority's locking of an access road. He requested deferral of this project and the inclusion of an access on N.W.48th for their properties and for use by the City of Lincoln Water Department.

Rick Wiese, (6300 W. Superior Street), appeared and concurred with Mr. Furrer's request and also discussed the locking of the access road by the Housing Authority. He indicated that the Register of Deeds has a deed filed that shows access must be granted to the parties along this area. Wiese indicated he will provide a copy of this deed to the County Commissioners. Mr. Wiese requested road construction so that their property could receive mail and maintenance allowing use of the road all year long.

Dave Dykmann, (City Council Member- Hickman), appeared and distributed a handout (Exhibit C), highlighting traffic counts on 54th Street and automobiles going from blacktop onto gravel. Dykmann indicated this area was not built to handle that traffic load. He also requested a new exit onto 54th for a new subdivision. He also concurred that temporary paving on 82nd would not be cost effective and requested permanent paving as an alternative.

Bob Rahorst, (Martell, Nebraska), appeared to discuss concerns regarding S.W. 2nd and Panama Road. He indicated that he felt the intersection was extremely dangerous, especially with the growth in the area.

Stan Campbell, (1111 E. Hillcrest Drive), representing the University of Nebraska, appeared to discuss the N.W. 70th and Superior project and the West Adams and N.W. 70th intersection. He indicated the dirt road used to access some recreational program becomes impassable and dangerous with very little rain. Campbell indicated that the University would be willing to contribute funding for a portion of the graveling costs.

Cheryl Orosco, (11600 Pine Lake Road, Walton), appeared to discuss the deteriorating road conditions on Pine Lake Road east of 112th. Would like improvements in this area moved forward on the plan.

Harold Bishop, (7779 S.W. 56th Street), appeared and requested blacktop on Yankee Hill/S.W. 56th to accommodate increased traffic due to the Salt Wahoo Watershed Lakes. Bishop indicated the traffic counts taken are not accurate as they were taken when the lake was closed and requested that counts be taken once the area is opened up.

Gene Neddenriep, (Superintendent of Malcolm Public Schools, 7250 S. 41st Street), appeared to thank the Board and the County Engineer for the road work that had been completed. Neddenriep asked the County Engineer to consider road work that needs completion on N.W. 84th between Adams and 34th, and requested a full ½ mile of asphalt, not 1/4 mile, between 112th and 105th on West Bluff Road.

Curt Kiner II, (7501 S.W. Hunters Place), appeared to state he supports the paving of S.W. 56th, south of the West Denton Road.

Rich Klist, Rural Fire Protection Board Member-Malcolm Fire Department (Malcolm, Nebraska), expressed the department concerns about operating the fire equipment on N.W. 84th between Hwy 34 and West Adams. Would like to see the paving project moved up and completed more quickly.

Tom Hoffman, (7101 S.W. 56th), appeared and also expressed his desire to see more accurate traffic counts taken on S.W. 56th and Yankee Hill roads once the lake opens.

Robert Schmucker, (7800 West Agnew Road) appeared and requested the Board and the County Engineer to look at the north-west corner of Lancaster County, a five to six mile area on West Agnew Road. While it is scheduled for engineering, the amount of commuter traffic and its use as an access to Wildwood and Branched Oak Lakes makes it a candidate for moving the project forward.

Terry Haake, (5400 W. Deercrest Drive), appeared to support the paving of S.W. 56th Street.

Jim Bauman, Assistant Fire Chief Southwest Fire District, (Martell, Nebraska), appeared to request the pushing forward of the S.W. 12th Street to S.W. 14th Street paving project. He indicated this is a emergency vehicle safety and response time issue.

Dean L. Peterson, (14400 Old Cheney Road), appeared and expressed concerns about dust and traffic issues that have resulted from the grading of 148th to 112th on Old Cheney. He indicated that he would like to see the paving of this area moved forward on the plan. Thomas indicated that this area is a high priority, but will depend on funding.

Hudkins questioned the delay of the N.W. 70th dam construction. Peterson indicated that he anticipated construction would resume next year.

Chair Stevens asked Chief Deputy County Clerk Patricia Owen to read into the record a call received on the 5 City-TV Feedback Line. (Exhibit D).

With no further testimony before the Board, Workman moved, and Hudkins seconded to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. Workman, Heier, Stevens, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

Patricia Owen
Chief Deputy County Clerk